

**WORK SESSION
OF THE BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
TO DISCUSS THE UDOT MAIN STREET PROJECT
NOVEMBER 2, 2005
5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Bob Marabella	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance
	Don Tingey	City Administrator
	Bruce Leonard	Director of Public Works
	Paul Tittensor	Police Chief
	Darin McFarland	Superintendent of Streets
	Tyler Pugsley	Superintendent of Water
	Mark Teuscher	City Planner
	Charles Mace	UDOT Project Manager for Main Street Project
	Tyler Yorgason	Consultant for UDOT Main Street Project

Mr. Mace said he talked with the state and they agreed to allow the City to pay for the project over two years, as discussed in the last work session. He explained that the City's portion will be put into an account where the City will receive the interest, and UDOT will have access to it. The billing will be submitted from the field office to Salt Lake, they will double check it and send it to Brigham City. If the City's account ever goes below the amount needed, Brigham City has the option of either putting more money in the account or UDOT will use the City's B&C Road Funds. This can then be paid back from the City's 2006-07 budget.

Mr. Mace said they plan to start the project on 900 North and bring it to 200 South before Peach Days. The center of town could probably be done at the same time as the north end. This would require traffic control to be one lane in each direction between 200 South and 100 North and between 600 North and 900 North. Mr. Mace said they felt that the best scenario is to close three blocks at a time and route traffic around Main Street. Local traffic will still be able to get through to the businesses. Mr. Yorgason said one concern is keeping access available for delivery trucks. They may have to unload at another location and bring their deliveries in with a smaller vehicle.

Mr. Mace added that UDOT is hiring a Public Information Manager to schedule and coordinate with the businesses and residents along the corridor. He will meet with the interested parties along the corridor so they get to know each other and understand any problems.

Mr. Yorgason explained that at the public meeting they proposed three options. One was closing half of the road at a time. The second option was to close a block at a time. The third option was to close three blocks at a time. They decided on the third option.

Mr. Leonard asked if they had talked to anyone who did the St. George Main Street Project. They were doing three blocks at a time and ran into a lot of unknowns. The business community finally asked the state to do everything at once and get it done because it was going so slow. Mr. Mace explained that they plan to remove the asphalt first, do the utilities, then continue with the other. This three block method will give them a method of going down the road doing that. This should alleviate the problems they had in St. George. Mr. Mace said he would contact those that worked on the St. George Project and ask them for any suggestions.

Mr. Mace said it was suggested at the public meeting that the stop signs be redone on 100 West and 100 East to allow for better through traffic flow. They are concerned that the businesses will suffer more if traffic is diverted to 200 East and 300 West where there are not as many stop signs. Chief Tittensor agreed that it would speed traffic a little, but he felt it would cause some crashes because drivers are used to driving a certain way on those streets. Councilmember Jensen suggested lighted traffic signs. Mr. Leonard felt it would be better to divert traffic to 200 East and 300 West. He felt that the people who want to go to the businesses on Main Street will drive on the streets with the stop signs for three blocks.

Mr. Teuscher said he is concerned with the gravel truck traffic. Chief Tittensor suggested 500 West. Mr. Mace suggested sending the gravel companies a letter specifying where they should drive to get through these areas. Mr. Teuscher said there are serious congestion problems on Medical Drive and 1100 South, and if there are any accidents it would shut down 500 West. Mr. Tingey suggested they go out on Forest Street. This would avoid residential areas. Mr. Teuscher suggested having them go to 600 East and down 700 South and then turn on Main Street.

Mr. Mace said they plan to provide incentives to the contractor if they are completed with the project by the end of the work season 2006, are out of the 200 South to 900 North area before Peach Days, and to work with the residents and businesses.

Mr. Leonard said the City has a funded sidewalk replacement project for 200 South to 700 South. He would like to do this simultaneously with the state's work. He asked if this was possible. Mr. Yorgason said this will probably be the last portion of the project. He suggested the City do the sidewalk replacement before the contractor does the road work.

Mr. Mace stated that if they do not get 100 to 600 North completed by Peach Days, it will be in the contract that the contractor will not be allowed to open from 200 South to 700 South until the other part is completed. This will allow Peach Days to occur on the southern part of the route and not the northern portion. He felt this will be an extreme case. Councilmember Adams asked if the project could be delayed during Peach Days if this happens. It would only be Friday and Saturday. Mr. Mace said they could open up a new area during Peach Days and work on that.

Mr. Mace reported that they met with the business owners and told them exactly what is planned and gave them some ideas on what they could do to help their businesses during the construction. It is important that the businesses keep positive. The customers should not know if they are angry or upset. He said there were about 20 business owners at the meeting, but only 4-5 that are on the corridor attended. He was disappointed in that.

Mr. Leonard asked if they had made any provisions for the driveway approaches they are replacing on North Main to reduce the amount of time traffic cannot use them. This is the only access to the parking lots for some of these businesses. Mr. Mace said they do not have this in the specifications, but they could put something in to limit the time the driveways are not accessible.

Mr. Mace said he talked to the state about the decorative lighting downtown. UDOT does not have any funding to pay for that portion of it. Mr. Wright told him that based on this, it is probably not something the City wants to do. Mayor Christensen said they will have to look at the cost for this.

The Mayor asked about a plan for the Orangeburg pipe. Mr. Leonard said he will work on a plan. It may be that a lateral has to go back further to the home. This will be done under a separate contract if the homeowner wants to bring it to their home. Mr. Mace said they do not really want to set it up as part of UDOT's contract. He felt that the contractor would be willing to do that but it will have to be under a separate contract.

Mr. Mace said there are nine trees that are being recommended for removal due to safety concerns. There has been no final decision made, but they appear to be trees that are significant to safety. If they have to remove any trees, it will be because of safety reasons according to their safety standards. It is not a decision that can be made politically. All of their money is tied to federal money, and all their decisions are based on safety.

Mr. Leonard asked if Mr. Mace would like the City to come up with what the truck traffic should be and send it to him. Mr. Mace replied that he would, adding that if there are City ordinances that deal with truck routing, they would also like that information.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bell, seconded and carried.